GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Servants – Agriculture Department – ACB (Trap) Case - Allegation of corruption against Smt.Vedula Bramaramba W/o V.Y.V. Subrahmanyam, age 58 years, Assistant Director of Agriculture (u/s), Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District – Trapped on 02.09.2021 - Prosecution Sanctioned - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.58 **Dated: 16/10/2023**

O R D E R :

Whereas, Smt. Vedula Bramaramba, W/o V.Y.V. Subrahmanyam, aged 58 years, Assistant Director of Agriculture (u/s), Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District worked as such from 03.01.2018 to 03.09.2021. By virtue of the post held by her, she falls within the category of Public Servant as defined under section 2 (C) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018).

2. And Whereas, the summary of allegations against Smt. Vedula Bramaramba, W/o V.Y.V. Subrahmanyam, age 58 years, Assistant Director (Agriculture), Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District., are that Sri Talasu Madhu, S/o Late Srinivasa Rao, aged 48 years, Proprietor of Annapurna Agros, Singidi village, Bhamini Mandal, Srikakulam District and Sri Gudla Shanmukha Rao, aged 51 years, proprietor, GSN Traders, Singidi Village, Bhamini Mandal, Srikakulam District are doing business by running fertilizer, pesticide and seeds shops in the name and style of 'Annapurna Agros' and 'GSN Traders' respectively. They are having licenses to do the business. They are doing the business, by following the rules and regulations imposed by the Government. While so, Smt.V.Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru uttered about one month back that she will cancel the licenses of their shops, though they are doing their business in a proper manner. Smt. V.Bramaramba claimed that they sold away excess quantity of fertilizers to the farmers, that a complaint is pending against them in the office of Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, that a mail is received in this regard, that they were in top 20 list, that as such, the licenses of their shops have to be cancelled. But they don't receive any kind of notice either from the Assistant Director of Agriculture or the Joint Director of Agriculture. On 17.8.2021 evening, around 4.00 P.M., Sri Talasu Madhu and Sri Shanmukha Rao went to the office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture at Kothuru and met her. Then she demanded an amount of Rs.40,000/- for not to cancel the licenses of their shops, not to conduct checks on their shops and to close the complaint received through mail against their shops. But they pleaded their inability to give that much amount and left the Office. Again, on 23.8.2021 around 9.54 A.M., he made a call from his cell phone No. 9492421787 to the cell phone No. 9966280162 of Smt.V. Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture and requested her not to trouble them in running their shops. Smt. V.Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, asked them to meet her. On that, Sri Talasu Madhu and Sri Shanmukha Rao went to the rented house of Smt.V.Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, at Kothuru on 24.8.2021 evening around 4.30 P.M. and met her. Then she demanded an amount of Rs. 40,000/- for not to cancel the licenses of their shops and not to trouble them and not to conduct checks on their shops in future. When they beseeched her to reduce the amount, she insisted to pay an amount of Rs.25,000/- as bribe, that the amount shall be paid as early as possible. Sri Talsu Madhu recorded the voice conversation of Smt.V.Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru through his mobile phone. But they have no interest to pay the bribe amount and as such, they left her residence. Even though, they are running their shops by possessing the required licenses, Smt.V.Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru intimidated to

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cancel the licences of their shops and to cause troubles in the name of checkings and to close the complaint received through mail against their shops. Since Sri Talasu Madhu and Sri Shanmukha Rao are not willing to pay bribe amount to Smt.Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam district and the complainants approached to the ACB office, Srikakulam on 01.09.2021 at 10:00 hours and lodged a written complaint with DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range to take necessary action against Smt.Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District for demanding bribe amount for not to cancel the licenses of their shops, not to conduct checks on their shops and to close the complaint received through mail against their shops while receiving the bribe of Rs.25,000/- from him.

3. And Whereas, after observing due procedure, registered the complaint of Sri Talasu Madhu and Sri Gudla Shanmukha Rao as a case in Cr. No.07/RCT-ACB/SKL/2021, U/s. 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam range against Smt. Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District on 02.09.2021 at 13.15 hrs and made arrangements for laying trap.

4. And whereas, during the course of trap on 02.09.2021 Smt.Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District was trapped in the Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Kothuru, when she further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 25,000/- from Sri Talasu Madhu. During the Post trap proceedings, the tainted currency was recovered from the hand bag of Smt. Vedula Bramaramba. The serial numbers of the said seized amount were found tallied with the numbers of currency notes handed over by Sri Talasu Madhu during the pre-trap proceedings, both hands and the contact area of inner linings of inner pocket of hand bag of Smt.Vedula Bramaramba when tested in Sodium Carbonate Solution turned into pink colour, when she was subjected to chemical test. The DSP, ACB seized tainted currency of Rs. 25,000/-, white colour rexin hand bag with brown handles of Smt.Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District and resultant solutions under cover of mediators report-II. The DSP also examined witnesses and seized relevant documents and prepared rough sketch of scene of offence.

5. And whereas, the above mentioned acts of Smt. Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District constitute the offence punishable U/s 7 (a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment), Act 2018 (As amended by act 16 of 2018).

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Smt.Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District from Government Service after fully and carefully examining the material placed (i.e. copies of FIR, pre and post trap proceedings, Statements of witnesses, Made up file and Final Report of DG, ACB, etc..), before the Government, with regard to the said allegations and having regard to the circumstances of the case, considered that the said Smt. Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the above said offence.

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7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption(Amendment) Act, 2018, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby, accord sanction for prosecution of Smt.Vedula Bramaramba, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kothuru Division, Srikakulam District for the offences punishable under Sections 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (As amended by act 16 of 2018) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offence by a court of law having competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

16/10/2023

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